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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 10 June 1986 HPSCI Briefing

CIA Briefers:

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Congressmen Present:

Hamilton, Brown, Daniel, Stump, Ireland, Hyde

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Subjects Briefed:

Angolan Offensive (DDI

Soviet Arms Shipments to Nicaragua

(DDI)

Mexican Political and Economic

Situation (DDI)

Use of Forced Labor at Chernobyl

(DDI)

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Questions Answered:

Hamilton

What is an MI-8?

Soviet helicopter.

Can Mexican government cover

debt payments this year?

Possibly, if no IMF

Will the Mexican government ask for a moratorium?

agreement.

Who are largest Mexican creditors?

US banks.

What are implications of Mexican debt problems? Are you looking into this?

Yes. Have a number of analysts working on it. Implications are that Mexico will pressure US for help; pressures on de la Madrid to deal with the problem.

What kind of pressures on

US?

Pressures to ease import restrictions, calls for more US financial help.

Are US banks providing any new money?

No.

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What is significance of direct Soviet arms shipments to Nicaragua?

Not clear, 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1

Daniel

What are long-term consequences for Mexico of financial problem?

PRI is shaken, more political instabil-ity, spillover effects on US narcotics and immigration problems.

Has Mexican emigration increased?

Not yet.

Any evidence of outside exploitation?

Soviets are always interested and 25X1 aggressive. Two Soviet leaders scheduled to visit next year.

What is Qadhafi doing lately? Has been out in

Has been out in public quite a bit, traveling, talking to journalists. He appears disappointed by lack of Arab support after the US bombing.

Has Qadhafi gone outside of No. the country?

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Ireland

What is new information on developing rebel cell in Costa Rica?

Don't know; will get 25X1

back.

Brown

Aren't there reasons Mexico might repudiate debt?

Yes. Political pressure on government to stiff-arm the US. Some leaders, however, see that longer term impact on Mexico would be negative if debt is repudiated.

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Followup:

ALA was tasked to prepare a brief analysis of recent rebel activity in Costa Rica. The next HPSCI briefing will include a discussion of illicit money flows out of Mexico. The paper on Costa Rica will be forwarded to the Committee by OCA.

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